

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please **amend** the specification as follows.

At page ~~3~~, line 16, please delete "a majority of", and insert, in its place double

21 bonds, the majority of which are--.

At page ~~3~~, line 21, please delete "AlOH", and insert, in its place --AlOH--.

At page ~~3~~, line 22, please delete "AlOH", and insert, in its place --AlOH--.

At page ~~5~~, line 5, please delete "a majority of cis-1,4 bonds", and insert, in its

22 place double bonds, the majority of which are cis-1,4 bonds,--.

At page ~~5~~, line 6, please delete "a majority of", and insert, in its place double

23 bonds, the majority of which are--.

At page ~~5~~, line ~~15~~, please delete "a majority of cis-1,4 bonds", and insert, in its

24 place double bonds, the majority of which are cis-1,4 bonds,--.

At page ~~5~~, line 17, please delete "bond", and insert, in its place --blend--.

At page ~~6~~, line 2, please delete "AOH", and insert, in its place --AlOH--.

At page ~~6~~, line 8, please delete "AOH", and insert, in its place --AlOH--.

At page ~~6~~, line 12, please delete "AOH", and insert, in its place --AlOH--.

At page ~~6~~, line 19, please delete "AOH", and insert, in its place --AlOH--.

At page ~~6~~, line 21, please delete "AOH", and insert, in its place --AlOH--.

At page ~~12~~, line 5, please delete "The object of this".

At page ~~12~~, please delete lines 6-15.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please **amend** the claims as follows.

- 25 1. (AMENDED) An elastomeric internal filler mix for the bottom zone of a tire comprising a rubber composition wherein the elastomeric matrix comprises more than 70 phr of natural rubber or synthetic polyisoprene having [a majority of cis-1,4 bonds] double bonds, the majority of which are cis-1,4 bonds, and a reinforcing filler selected from among:
- (i) a white filler of the silica and/or alumina type comprising SiOH and/or AlOH